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NEWS RELEASE:

ONNSFA fulfills the directive of Naa'bi'iyati Committee

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Rose Graham, Director of Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance (ONNSFA), issued a letter today to Speaker Johnny Naize indicating that the Naa'bi'iyati Committee's directive to make special arrangements to provide scholarships and financial awards was fulfilled.

On January 5, the Naa'bi'iyati Committee gave the following directive, "Advance funds in the amount of \$6,000,000 into the Office of the Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance (ONNSFA)...for scholarship funds for the 2012 Spring Term for 3000 plus Navajo college students.

"The funds are to be replenished at such time funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs are appropriated to the Navajo Nation. Coordinate all required procedures with the ONNSFA to ensure the checks are mailed to the universities and colleges by no later than next week, Friday, January 13, 2012."

In response to the directive of Naa'bi'iyati, ONNSFA made special arrangements "to provide scholarships and financial awards while the Navajo Nation awaits federal appropriations."

The letter to Speaker Naize further stated, "Our leaders were successful in gaining the cooperation of key Navajo Nation officials to ensure that a total of \$4.9 million was awarded to 2,060 students at colleges and universities for the Spring 2012 semester."

Scholarship and Financial Aid checks were printed on January 11, 2012 and were either mailed or hand delivered to colleges and universities on the same day.

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